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1. A patient, who was in the Gdynia Municipal Hospital suffering from sinusitis on both sides, was under treatment from 9 April 1954 until 5 May 1954, during which time he was given numerous injections of Polish penicillin which, however, proved ineffective. At the suggestion of the doctor, the patient bought privately penicillin in oleaginous suspension of foreign [ ] production and after being given 5 mil. units, the inflammation went down. The doctor told the patient that although the locally produced penicillin is now better than it was in 1952 and 1953, as it does not induce inflammatory conditions, it still does not produce the effects which are expected from its use.
2. There is a shortage of dressings at the hospital. Cellulose cotton is used instead of cotton-wool, and bandages are constantly re-used after washing.
3. The hospital has an insufficient quantity of surgical instruments, and these cannot be purchased in the local market. Surgical instruments at the hospital have been used to such an extent that the nickel plating has completely come off. Because of the difficulty in getting instruments repaired, patients during their stay in the hospital do sharpening and repair work if they are at all able to do so. Still worse damage to the instruments often results.

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